

**Marbletown O&W Rail Trail Committee Meeting**  
**July 16, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:**

Carl Pezzino, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Andy Lutz, Bill Eggers, Rich Parete

**Call To Order:** Carl called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Old Business**

0 As planned, the railings at 213 south were sanded and stained by Rich and Andy. Thanks, guys. The railings at Cottekill south need the same treatment, as well as have a few rotting sections replaced.

**Volunteers are requested.**

0 Jill and Sandy are looking at historical markers such as those found along the Hurley trail to be located along our trail. Jill McLean reported that she and Sandy Sheeley will get with Timely Signs to obtain pricing for historical markers in the style of those along the Hurley O&W. Carl suggested some potential spots: Hurley/Marbletown town line, Beaver Pond, Snyder silos, trestle bridge location, High Falls train station, Rest Plaus historic area, Hansen Grist Mill. **Carl spoke with Jill on 7/18/2018 and she will get with Sandy before our meeting in August.**

0 **John and Rich will look into clearing some small but problematic debris along the drainage ditch from the silos south on the week of 7/16.**

0 **Carl and Rich will replace the back and seat slats (also recently graffitied) on the bench near the bridge at the brook north of Cottekill.**

0 **The safety rail at Damon's crossing bridge is to be upgraded on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July by Dan, Rich, Carl and John. Two 14 foot 2x6's are required.** Also, a lower safety rail at the bridge at Lilac Hill will be installed that day. Five 14 foot 2x4's are required. **Dan has the material. Meet at Davenport's market at 7:30 am to start the day.**

0 Scott Davis is in the process of reviewing the safety conditions of all (7) the bridges along our trail. **Expect a report before the next meeting.**

0 In post meeting good news the swap of land by lot line adjustment, that will allow for parking for the rail trail on the south side of Rest Plaus road, has been approved by the land owner!!! **Rich will contact Bill Eggers to ask for final survey prints and language on the land as well as the town lawyer who will be contacted to find out what legal work needs to be done.**

0 The flail mowing of the sidewalls along the trail by the highway department is looking good. Rest Plaus to the town line south is done. Rest Plaus to RMC is done. Leggett north to Damon's crossing is done. **Carl will speak to George Dimler and Scott Hikade at highway to discuss next areas that need work.**

0 Marbletown O&W Trailkeeper hats have been distributed to John, Rich, Reenie Hine, Eric, Carl, Andy, and Bill. Ask Carl for yours. Hats will only be distributed to committee members. Hats are paid for, at a cost of approximately \$13 each, through the trail budget.

0 Carl again reminded Trailkeepers with kiosks on their segments that they can pick up brochures from Jill at Youth and Rec. **Please keep the kiosks and local businesses stocked with the brochures during the visitor season.**

0 A workparty of John, Rich, Carl and Eric planted 20 Boston Ivy plants around the perimeter of the silos. Recent rains have been helpful and no watering has been required to date. The plants appear to be doing very well. **Eric, John and Rich will coordinate any watering by hand that becomes required.**

0 Ugh, graffiti has again been reported along the Cottekill to Leggett segment. Two new tag lines have been reported. We (Rich and Carl) continue to cover over the “artwork” as best as can be done. Tony Russo has contacted the school district to see if the art department can identify the “artist” by style as we did successfully last year, but this has not borne any fruit. **Carl will contact Tony to see if he ahas any contacts at the Sheriff's Office. A camouflage camera has been suggested. A recent grafitti photo, already painted over by Rich, is attached, let us know if the work looks familiar to you.**

0 The old shed located south of Leggett Road was again discussed but with no resolution. Now that it has been established in a survey by the adjacent property owner that the shed sits entirely on town property, **the committee at the June meeting unanimously requested that the shed be moved by the owner if they want it, or be dismantled by the town through the highway department or contractor. Eric has stated this opinion of the committee to Supervisor Parete and the town board. Supervisor Parete has contacted the town lawyer about the next step.**

0 Carl reported that Zoe Moffitt has moved to Kingston and will no longer be on the Committee. **Thanks for your service Zoe!!**

**Our next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the MCC.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carl